

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

MARY MINER,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. CV 22-254 WJ/CG

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,

Defendant.

SCHEDULING ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference, held on July 5, 2022, and the parties' *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan*, (Doc. 12), filed June 24, 2022. The Court adopts the *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan*, (Doc. 12), as an Order of the Court as modified below.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted in compliance with the Civil Justice Reform Act, and pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 473(a)(1), this case is assigned to a bifurcated discovery track, with fact discovery to be completed within 180 days. Accordingly, the Court sets the following case management deadlines:

- i. Plaintiff to join additional parties and to amend the pleadings by: **August 4, 2022**
- ii. Defendant to join additional parties and to amend the pleadings by: **September 6, 2022**
- iii. Termination date for fact discovery: **January 3, 2023**
- iv. Motions relating to fact discovery (including, but not limited to, motions to compel and motions for

protective order) to be filed with the Court and

served on opposing parties by:

January 24, 2023

- v. Plaintiff to identify in writing any expert witness to be used by Plaintiff at trial and to provide expert reports

pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) by:

January 20, 2023

- vi. All other parties to identify in writing any expert witness to be used by such parties at trial and to provide expert reports pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 26(a)(2)(B) by:

March 15, 2023

- vii. Termination date for expert discovery:

May 12, 2023

- viii. Motions relating to expert discovery (including, but not limited to, motions to compel and motions for protective order) to be filed with the Court and

served on opposing parties by:

June 2, 2023

- ix. Pretrial motions, other than discovery motions, shall be filed with the Court and served on the opposing party by¹:

June 16, 2023

- x. Pretrial Order: To be determined by presiding judge.

Before moving for an order relating to discovery, the parties may request a conference with the Court in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Service of interrogatories or requests for production shall be considered timely only if the responses are due prior

¹ This deadline applies to motions related to the admissibility of experts or expert testimony that may require a *Daubert* hearing, but otherwise does not apply to motions in limine. The Court will set a motions in limine deadline in a separate order.

to the deadline. A notice to take deposition shall be considered timely only if the deposition takes place prior to the deadline. The pendency of dispositive motions shall not stay discovery. See D.N.M.LR-Civ. 7 for motion practice requirements and timing of responses and replies. This deadline shall not be construed to extend the twenty-day time limit in D.N.M.LR-Civ. 26.6.

Any pretrial motions, other than discovery motions, filed after the above dates shall, in the discretion of the Court, be considered untimely. If documents are attached as exhibits to motions, affidavits or briefs, those parts of the exhibits that counsel want to bring to the attention of the Court must be highlighted in accordance with D.N.M.LR-Civ. 10.6. See D.N.M.LR-Civ. 7 for motion practice requirements and timing of responses and replies.

Discovery shall not be reopened, nor shall case management deadlines be modified, except by an order of the Court upon a showing of good cause. This deadline shall be construed to require that discovery be completed on or before the above date.

The Court further sets the following discovery parameters:

- i. Maximum of 15 Interrogatories by each party to any other party;
- ii. Maximum of 30 Requests for Production by each party to any other party;
- iii. Maximum of 15 Requests for Admission by each party to any other party, with no limit as to authenticity and admissibility of documents;
- iv. Maximum of 5 fact depositions by Plaintiff and 5 fact deposition by Defendant;
- v. Maximum of one expert deposition per expert by Plaintiff and one deposition per expert by Defendant; and,
- vi. Depositions are limited to 4 hours, except depositions of parties and

experts, which are limited to 7 hours, unless extended by agreement of the parties.

Service of interrogatories or requests for production shall be considered timely only if the responses are due prior to the deadline. A notice to take deposition shall be considered timely only if the deposition takes place prior to the deadline. The pendency of dispositive motions shall not stay discovery.

Parties may not modify case management deadlines on their own. Good cause must be shown and the Court's express, written approval obtained for any modification of the case management deadlines set forth herein. Any requests for additional discovery must be submitted to the Court by motion before the discovery deadline expires.

Finally, the parties are reminded that Local Rule 73.2 permits parties to consent to proceed before the undersigned in dispositive matters, including trial. The decision to consent to proceed before the undersigned rests with the parties. If the parties agree to consent to the undersigned in the presiding role, they must jointly complete and submit the appropriate Form AO 85, which may be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nmd.uscourts.gov/forms>.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmen E. Garza', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

THE HONORABLE CARMEN E. GARZA
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE